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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHALL DUES BE RAISED?

DEAR COLLEAGUES: HISPANIA, the official organ of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish, as it enters on the fourth year of its existence is meeting the same difficulties with old H. C. L. that everything and everybody in the United States has had to endure. The Association is therefore confronted with a dilemma.

Shall we raise the price of our dues to \$3 annually or shall we reduce the numbers of HISPANIA to five yearly instead of six? This question will be decided according as the members vote. For this purpose a ballot has been prepared which each member may use when he pays his dues for 1921.

To make matters clearer, it will be well to quote the constitution. Article VIII says: "Each active member shall pay two dollars annually to the Secretary-Treasurer, fifty cents for dues and one dollar and fifty cents for subscription to HISPANIA"; and further, "No memberships in the Association nor subscriptions to HISPANIA shall be separately accepted." Article IX says: "The official publication of this Association shall be known as HISPANIA, and it shall appear quarterly."

The issue of six numbers of HISPANIA instead of four was begun in 1919 because our Association grew so rapidly in membership that the treasury could afford to pay the cost. We closed the year 1919 with about \$100 balance in our favor. The year 1920 may show a deficit. And 1921 will surely show a deficit if we continue to publish six numbers of HISPANIA. The remedy, of course, is pointed out by the constitution—go back to four numbers yearly, or five if we can pay for them, of which latter alternative there can be no doubt. The constitution was not changed regarding the number of issues of HISPANIA. But having enjoyed the six numbers of HISPANIA for two years, do we wish to content ourselves with five? The November number is the one which would be omitted. This, for example, is the November number. Should it be omitted?

The cost of printing and mailing HISPANIA varies between \$400 and \$500 an issue, approximately thirty cents a copy. And when some member moves without notifying the secretary of his change of address and a month later writes that he would like a copy of a certain number because the other was not received, it costs the Association thirty cents plus something for postage.

The cost of printing HISPANIA is met chiefly by dues, but is considerably helped by the advertising, which covers rather more than the cost of one number. Unfortunately the expenses of the Association are not limited to the cost of printing. There is need for money to meet the expenses of the annual meeting and for clerical help and postage for the officers. But it should be borne in mind that the officers of the Association work wholly without compensation.

It will be possible to change the clause in the constitution regarding dues, according to Article XII. "The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds

vote of those present and voting at any annual meeting; provided, that written notice of any proposed amendment shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer by at least five members of the Association in time to be published in last issue of HISPANIA prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted on."

Such notice will be printed in the December HISPANIA, but the vote at the annual meeting will be governed by the desires of the members as expressed by their votes. Consequently, send in your vote with the remittance of two dollars, the old rate of dues, because dues are payable before the annual meeting. The ballot for the referendum and the bill for dues for 1921 may be found on a separate sheet inserted in this number.

ALFRED COESTER, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

The fourth annual meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish will be held in Chicago in one of the banquet rooms of the Auditorium Hotel all day December 30th, and the forenoon of December 31st. A fine program of speakers and discussion is being arranged. Full details and the program will appear in the December number of HISPANIA. All members now planning their Christmas vacation should bear this in mind and arrange their affairs accordingly.

LISTA DE NORTEAMERICANOS ASISTENTES AL CURSO DE VERANO DE 1920:

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